

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

27. (Currently amended) A method for creating individual pictures, cards and similar items comprising ~~at least the following steps in the following order:~~
- a) explaining the method to a user on a preview window on a system screen;
 - b) ~~thereafter~~ activating a communication and language selection and selecting the language for further transaction by a the user ~~for at least one of, the transaction language and the picture, card or item to be created;~~
 - c) ~~then~~ selecting a motif for the picture, card or item from ~~standard motifs available from stored motifs~~ one or more motifs stored in the system, ~~or from one or more motifs supplied by the user and~~ embedding the motif in a layout for the picture, card or item; and
 - d) ~~then, optionally recording a portrait~~ one or more portraits of the user by a video camera having an optimization function for presenting a finite number of optimized portraits to the user; wherein the user is selecting an optimized portrait for and embedding the optimized portrait recording in the layout for the picture, card or item;
 - e) integrating a desired text into the layout;
 - f) selecting to print, send or store a ready to output product on the screen after the product is either edited or corrected by repeating at least steps c) to e);
 - g) ~~then~~ activating the billing and payment function;
 - h) ~~thereafter~~ receiving the outputted finished product.
28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~28~~ 27, wherein a format is selected which is a DP stream in progressive recording mode.
30. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~28~~ 27, wherein the user has an opportunity to select a suitable image through manual selection.
31. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~28~~ 27, wherein the user is offered an interaction element for selecting an individual image.
32. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~28~~ 27, wherein during automatic selection, ~~an image~~ images of optimal quality ~~is~~ are selected.
33. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~28~~ 27, wherein the user is illuminated by an LED light during recording of the video stream.
34. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~33~~ 27, wherein a user can select from at least four images of the video stream.
35. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~28~~ 27, wherein one or more images are displayed for viewing on a screen for preview.
36. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~28~~ 27, wherein the finished product is printed out, sent as an e-mail, saved on storage media or saved to an online database offered by the system.
37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the layouts are selected from external stationary or mobile media or online databases.
38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein transfer means are used for interfacing with internet, wireless connection or external peripheral devices.

39. (Previously presented) An interactive machine for the individual design of pictures, cards, postcards and similar items comprising at least:
- a) a monitor;
 - b) a camera with an adjustment apparatus; wherein the camera has editing means for displaying a mirror image preview image, and means for presenting optimized portraits to a user for selecting one or more of the optimized images
 - c) a lighting unit;
 - d) means for operating the machine;
 - e) at least one interface for communication with external storage media and internet connection;
 - f) an integrated DP system comprising at least one internal storage unit; wherein the
 - g) an output apparatus for creating at least one of, the picture and the cards;
 - h) a payment unit;
 - i) a postage unit;
 - j) a power supply;
 - k) means for location-independent placement of the machine;
 - l) theft prevention means;
 - m) a remote maintenance unit.
40. (Previously presented) The machine of claim 39, wherein the camera includes a digital video camera for generating a video stream.
41. (Previously presented) The machine of claim 39, wherein the lighting unit includes a photometer and a plurality of LED diodes for generating constant light for illumination of the user.

42. (Previously presented) The machine of claim 39, wherein the monitor is a touch screen monitor.
43. (Previously presented) The machine of claim 39, wherein the machine is operated by at least one of, a keyboard and a joystick.
44. (Previously presented) The machine of claim 39, wherein the output unit is a thermo sublimation printer.
45. (Previously presented) The machine of claim 39, wherein the interface is suitable for various storage media.
46. (Previously presented) The machine of claim 39, wherein additional powers supply in the form of a solar module is provided and for charging batteries.
47. (Previously presented) The machine of claim 39, wherein the machine is provided with wheels, coasters or a carrying appliance.
48. (Previously presented) The machine of claim 39, wherein the theft prevention means include at least one of physical attachment of the machine at the location and radio signals that are acoustically or visually perceptible or via radio.
49. (Previously presented) The machine of claim 39, wherein the remote maintenance unit functions by wireless communications or via cables.
50. (Previously presented) The machine of claim 48, wherein the theft prevention unit features a motion sensor for the detection of approaching persons.

51. (Previously presented) The machine of claim 39, wherein the machine has surfaces for carrying advertisement that are background illuminated or is an electronic advertising panel.
52. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the motif stored in the system is supplied by a kiosk.
53. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the motif stored in the system is supplied by the user.